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REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116(a).

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-40, 43-60 and 62-64 were allowable over the art of record.

The Examiner rejected claim 41 under 35 U.S. C. 103(a), as obvious over Wagner and Mori.

Applicant has amended claim 43, the allowable dependent claim, to place it in independent form and to include the limitation of canceled independent claim 41. Thus, claim 43 and all remaining claims are now allowable.

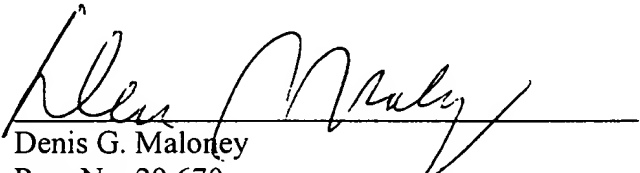
Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that since all claims are now allowable that the application be sent to issue. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made

In the claims:

Claim 43 was amended, as follows:

(Amended) 43. [The method of claim 41 wherein said method is] A method of auctioning a product, said method executed over a distributed networked computer system, said method comprising:

entering a pre-defined relative indication that corresponds to a willingness to buy or sell the product with the pre-defined relative indication specifying a price relative to a current market price, with the predefined relative indication remaining undisclosed as to the existence of the trading interest until matched with an order.